



Range and Natural Resources Camp Sponsor Guide

When:

Starts on
Father's Day

Where:

Elkus Ranch
Half Moon Bay, CA

How much:

\$500

Applications Due:

May 1st

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**[https://ucanr.edu/
sites/rangecamp/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/rangecamp/)**

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Range Camp is BACK IN PERSON!!!

After COVID moved us to a virtual camp, we are thrilled to be back at Elkus this Summer! In 1985 the California-Pacific Section (CALPAC) of the Society for Range Management (SRM) decided to develop a week long program to introduce students to the professional world of plant, animal, and landscape management.

In 2020, logistics of Camp organization moved from Cal Pac to the University of California Cooperative Extension. What does this mean for Camp? Really, nothing has changed except for a few admin items. The only difference you will probably notice is that you can pay by credit card if you like. This program has evolved into today's Range and Natural Resources Camp (Range Camp). For additional background information on Range Camp please visit our website.

Approximately 80% of the high school students that attend Range Camp are unable to do so without financial support from outside organizations and individuals. One of the big selling points for Range Camp is that the campers who attend are also provided a unique opportunity to compete for Top Camper and be invited to attend SRM's annual High School Youth Forum (HSYF) as one of the CALPAC delegates. For additional information on HSYF please visit our website.



Thinking of becoming a sponsor?

If you are thinking of becoming a sponsor please take the time to review the information provided in this newsletter and Range Camp Newsletter on our website.

We would appreciate all sponsors to do the following steps:

1. Email us at rangecamp@ucanr.edu
2. Get the word out
3. Select a Camper to Sponsor
4. Submit the Sponsorship Funds to Range Camp.
5. Coordinate with camper to insure they submit their application and supporting documents by the Application Deadline.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

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“By the end of the first day, I was falling in love with range camp and everything I never knew California possessed... Range Camp has enlightened me. It has changed me. It has permanently made me a ‘happy camper’.”
~Terilyn Chen

Finding a Camper

Range Camp is organized and run by a group of dedicated Livestock and Natural Resource Advisors, Cal Poly Range professors, and volunteers. We need your help getting the word out and finding potential campers.

Range Camp encourages sponsors to coordinate with their local high school science and Ag teachers, 4H and/or FFA groups.

You can find a drafted Press Release, Flier, and Newsletter on our website in order to help answer any

questions students may have about the camp.

Additionally, a lot of times campers will contact Range Camp directly to find a sponsor. Camp staff will help contact local organizations (like their county Resource Conservation District office) to determine if there are any interested sponsors. If Camp staff already know that you are looking for a camper it will help with this coordination effort.

Selecting a Camper

Each sponsoring organization selects their camper a little differently. First, determine how many campers your organization can sponsor. Some organizations team up in order to cover the registration fee for one or multiple campers.

If you have more potential campers interested than sponsorship funds available, then a selection process must be developed. Some sponsors require potential campers to submit the camp application directly to them for review. Some ask applicants to attend a board meeting in order to explain why they would like to attend

camp. Others work directly with their 4H and FFA and provide sponsorship as a prize for some of their local competitions.

PLEASE let us know if you are unable to cover all the potential campers!!! Camp staff will coordinate with other potential sponsors to try and secure financial support for all interested campers. We are normally able to find sponsorships for all campers that need financial assistance.

What do the Registration Fees Cover?

The Registration Fee to attend Range Camp is \$500. The Fee covers a variety of necessary costs associated with running Range Camp. Camp is able to keep costs to the minimum necessary because it is fully organized and run by volunteers. The Fee covers, but is not limited to, the following items:

1. Lodging and food
2. T-shirt for all campers
3. Registered nurse on-site
4. Supplies for all activities

5. Transportation during camp
6. Liability insurance
7. Costs associated with sending the two Top Campers to the High School Youth Forum.

Please note that the Registration Fee does NOT cover costs for transportation in order to get to and from Camp.

Application and Forms

In order to attend Range Camp the camper must submit a complete and signed application, in addition to, a Medical Release Form, Medical History Form and Liability Waiver. If the camper you are sponsoring is unable to provide all forms before the appropriate deadlines they will be unable to attend Range Camp.

their own Camper Commitment Form. This form helps solidify the relationship between camper and sponsor and reinforces that there are financial consequences in the event the camper cancels last minute. If you would like an example Commitment Form please contact rangecamp@ucanr.edu

In addition to the forms required for Camp forms we encourage all sponsors to develop

Cancellation Policy

In order to receive a full refund from Range Camp the Camper must cancel prior to the date indicated in the application (normally mid-May). Any cancellation between the indicated date and the start of camp will result in the retention of \$100 of the Registration Fee.

In the unlikely event a camper has to leave camp prematurely a refund will be determined on a case by case basis.

Range Camp recommends that sponsors use a Commitment Form to relay their expectations in the event of a cancellation or pre-mature departure from camp.

Post-Camp Presentation

Range Camp encourages all Campers to show their appreciation to their sponsoring organizations after Camp is over. We suggest having the camper attend one of the organizations board meetings in order to give a short presentation about Range Camp and what they enjoyed best. This helps them convey their appreciation and also helps the sponsor better understand what camp is about.

Camp Staff will provide photos of camp activities to campers if they would like to put together a presentation.

Can I come to Camp?

We get asked a lot from Sponsors "Can I come to Camp?" The short answer is YES!!! Range Camp is mostly run by volunteers and we are always looking for additional Staff and Speaker support. If you are interested in volunteering please contact rangecamp@ucanr.edu. Please note that all Camp Staff must pass a fingerprint background check and be first aid trained.



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*"I enjoyed bonding
and meeting great
new people."
-Camper*

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We want to hear from you!!!

We cannot stress enough that Range Camp would not be possible without you, our Sponsors!!! If you have ANY recommendations on how to improve camp or help sponsors we want to hear from you. Please contact us at rangecamp@ucanr.edu

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Resource Conservation Districts:

Antelope Valley
Alameda
Glenn
Greater San Diego
Inland Empire
Mariposa
Mojave Desert
Monterey
Nevada County
NW Kern
Placer
East & West Stanislaus
Sierra
Southern California-Baja
Tehachapi
Tulare
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas
Upper San Luis Rey
Ventura
Yolo



Other Sponsoring Organizations:

Center for Land-Based
Learning (CLBL)

Mojave Environmental Ed-
ucation Consortium
(MEEC)

Yolo County Office of
Education

Various CA Cattlemen's
Associations

CALIFORNIA
RANGELAND
Trust

MEEC
MOJAVE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

Supporting Organizations

California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management
University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of California Cooperative Extension
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
California Native Grassland Association
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Natural Resources Conservation Service

